

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A cutting device comprising:
 - a first blade portion having a handle and a cutting surface;
 - a second blade portion having a handle and a cutting surface, said first and second blade portions coupled together and intersecting at a pivot point;
 - a rivet mounted through said pivot point thereby attaching said first and second blade portions, said rivet further comprising a head elevated with respect to said first blade portion; and
 - a cover having a first thickness, for covering at least a portion of said first and second blade portions, said cover having first and second ends, where said first end is closed and said second end is open for receiving said first and second blade portions, said second end further providing an arrangement for receiving and securing said rivet head, said arrangement having a rivet head channel extending from the edge of said second end of said cover towards said first end, where said rivet head channel is of a second lesser thickness than said cover to accommodate the easy entry of said rivet head, said arrangement also having [said cover having] a rivet head receiving slot, said rivet head receiving slot being of a third lesser thickness than said rivet head channel, and located at the end of said rivet head channel closer to said first end of said cover so that when said

first and second blade portions are in a closed position and when said cover is positioned over said first and second blade portions, said rivet head frictionally engages between said rivet head receiving slot and said thicker rivet head channel so that said cover is frictionally attached to said rivet head.

2. (canceled without prejudice).
3. (original) The cutting device of claim 1, wherein said cover is constructed of plastic.
4. (currently amended) The cutting device of claim 1, wherein said rivet is constructed [on] of metal.
5. (original) The cutting device of claim 1, wherein said cover further comprises first and second side slits configured to allow said cover to expand to allow said rivet head access to said rivet head receiving slot.
6. (original) The cutting device of claim 1, wherein said rivet further comprises a rivet back.
7. (original) The cutting device of claim 6, wherein said cover further comprises a rivet back channel so as to prevent said rivet back from interfering with the operation of said cover.